TO NAME A FEDERAL BUILDING IN MEMPHIS, TENN., FOR THE LATE CLIFFORD DAVIS

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Mr. Fallon, from the Committee on Public Works. submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 19890]

The Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 19890) to name a Federal building in Memphis, Tenn., for the late Clifford Davis, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of this bill is to name the Federal building in Memphis, Tenn., for the late Clifford Davis.

GENERAL STATEMENT

Clifford Davis served with distinction in the House of Representatives from 1940 until 1964 as Representative in Congress from the Ninth Congressional District of Tennessee.

Cliff Davis was educated in the public schools of Memphis. He served as city judge, vice mayor, and commissioner of public safety. He was elected to the House of Representatives in a special election in February of 1940. During his 24 years of service in the Congress of the United States he established a long and significant record as an outstanding legislator. He was chairman of the Subcommittee on Flood Control of the Committee on Public Works. He sponsored many major pieces of legislation including the tremendously important TVA self-financing bill and the Federal-aid Highway Act of 1956. In addition, he served three times as chairman of the Special Committee To Investigate Campaign Expenditures. He also served as chairman of the Special Subcommittee on Federal Land Acquisition Policies, the culmination of which was the passage this year of S. 1, the uniform Relocation Assistance and Land Acquisition Policies Act of 1970.

Cliff Davis was one of the most loved Members of the House. In addition to his legislative ability he was an outstanding orator. His great sense of humor was well known to all who served with him.

During his service in the House of Representatives the Federal building in Memphis, which this legislation would name for him, was authorized to be constructed.

COST TO THE UNITED STATES

Enactment of this legislation will not result in any cost to the United States.

COMMITTEE VIEWS

The Committee on Public Works is proud to endorse wholeheartedly the recommendation that the Federal building in Memphis be named for Cliff Davis.

The committee considers that the naming of this Federal Office Building, which includes courtroom facilities, is particularly appropriate in view of the fact that of the many titles Cliff Davis had in his distinguished career, the one he cherished most was "Judge".